

THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter
“It’s the ☆ glue ☆ that keeps us together”

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President’s Message



Happy 2021! This issue contains some wonderful memories and stories, but it also contains several obituaries that warrant mention here. First, Pat Hathaway ‘67 passed away unexpectedly in January. His friend and co-worker on local history

and heritage projects, Dixie Layne ‘66, has written a heartfelt story of Pat’s life and his contributions to Pacific Grove, which appears on p. 15. Another unusual tribute appears on p. 17, this one the story of a homeless PGHS graduate who died tragically in Sacramento in November. Greg Tarola’s story is courtesy of CSU Sacramento’s CapRadio, an NPR affiliate that had interviewed Greg in the past about his homelessness and its accompanying challenges.

The obituary of Alton McSween ‘69 also appears in this issue, on p. 9. Alton went from straight-A athlete at PGHS to lifer at San Quentin before he started mentoring other former inmates through the California Reentry Institute. These alumni, and the others whose names and faces grace our pages, have *all* touched others’ lives deeply and all deserve our recognition and remembrance. Thanks to those who bring us their stories.

Thanks also to our many end-of-year donors, who are listed starting on p. 3. Your generosity is what allows us to continue to publish the *Knockout II*, continue our scholarship program, and donate to the high school even through the COVID-19 crisis. Check out pgnewsbreaker.com to see the latest effort by Breaker journalists; they are also publishing a print edition (see picture at right), and we have again awarded money for this effort. We have also made our annual donation to the PGHS Sober Grad Night effort, an event that is now, like everything else,

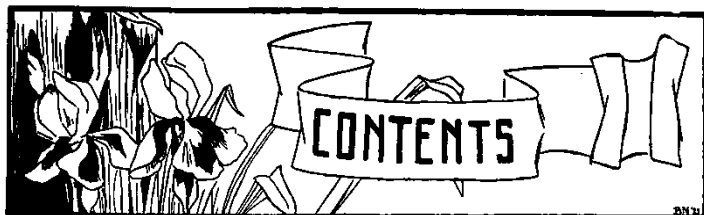
online, but that still requires planning and production money.

And, speaking of money, we have a job opening: Board Treasurer. Duties include paying bills, collecting and depositing checks (including checks for reunions), making a regular treasurer’s report to the Board, scheduling yearly meetings with our auditor, and creating a yearly budget. Ideally, the treasurer would be local, but duties such as depositing checks might be handled by someone here, and the bookkeeping itself could be done elsewhere. If you can help, please contact Joanie Hyler ‘68, acting treasurer, at joanie@pghsaa.org.

October Reunion? Carol Bradley Lauderdale ‘66, our Events Committee Chair, is in touch with the Elks Lodge, and they are still closed for pandemic reasons by the Health Department. If the virus continues to decline at the rate it is doing at press time, and the vaccine supply in California increases as promised, it’s entirely possible that we will be back in business by October 2. Stay tuned! Carol also facilitates our Zoom board meetings; see p. 2.



Beth Penney '73



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Important 2021 Dates

The PGHSAA Board of Directors will meet on the following dates in 2021: March 11, April 8, May 13, July 8, September 11 (General Membership meeting), and October 14. Meetings are currently being held via Zoom. Our 2021 annual reunion is planned for Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the Elks Club in Monterey if COVID-19 restrictions are lifted by then. If you are interested in joining our board, please e-mail us! We are still active even though we are not having physical meetings.

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A Friendly Welcome to Our New Member

1973 Mary *Ulrich* Perrone Levering, MI

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IMO: Patricia "Patty" *Sherwood* Cummings '48

1946 Bob Richerts Monterey

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IMO: Anne *Guastella* Richerts '47

1947 Ernie Flores Surprise, AZ

IMO: Class of 1947 Deceased

1948 Donald Campbell Sunnyvale, TX

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IMO: Douglas Campbell '55

1948 Betty *McDaniel* Kavanagh Poulsbo, WA

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1949 Gwen *Head* Harvey Antelope

IMO: Ron Carpenter

1949 Ellen *Duarts* Kimbell Austin, TX

IMO: Kathleen *Barney* Aiello '49

IMO: David Concepcion '54

1950 Salta *Morris* King Florence, OR

IMO: Class of 1950 Deceased

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IMO: Class of 1953 Deceased

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IMO: James (Jim) Gruwell 85

1956 Diane *Beall* Speckman Eugene, OR

IMO: Class of 1956 Deceased

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1957 Donald Jamarck Elk Grove

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IMO: Terryl "Terry" Farrell '56

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IMO: William "Bill" Phillips '62

1960 Georgia *Schuyler* Muniz Callahan

IMO: Betsy *Schuyler* Barry '57

IMO: Kathy *Dreher* Kamp '60

1960 Geoffrey Sharp Pebble Beach

IMO: Raymond Washburn (Faculty)

1961 Jack English Tasmania, AUS

IMO: Patsy *Stutzman* English '30

IMO: Barbara *Stutzman* Bagby '37

IMO: Ruth "Bunny" *Stutzman* '38

IMO: Jack *Stutzman* '44

1961 Delinda *Campbell* Holland Royal Oaks

IMO: Richard Campbell '52

IMO: Doug Campbell '55

1962 Roger Magyar Pacific Grove

IMO: Bill O'Neill '62

1962 James Thomas Loveland, OH

IMO: William "Bill" Phillips '62

1962 Margaret *Tuchsen* Shehorn Pleasanton

IMO: Patrick *Tuchsen* '61

IMO: Ralph Marsh '62

IMO: Janice *Lemos* Fisher '63

1964 Wayne & Jennifer *Kren* Ross Pacific Grove

IMO: William Ross '65

1965 Pamela *Pauls* Soboleski Monterey

IMO: Richard L. Adams '59

1966 Dennis Gadsby Salinas

IMO: Doug Gadsby '68

1966 Dixie Layne Pacific Grove

IMO: Pat Hathaway '67

1967 Robert Scardina Monterey

IMO: Gary Falke '67

1968 Joanie *Hylar* Pacific Grove

IMO: Class of 1968 Deceased

IMO: Jon Reither '61

IMO: Pat Hathaway '67

IMO: Karen *Samora* Mahaney-Low '71

1971 Janell *Rush* Roseman Etna

IMO: Karen *Samora* Mahaney-Low '71

1972 Toni *Quinones* Fletcher Sacramento

IMO: Karen *Samora* Mahaney-Low '71

1973 Ken Hodson Marina

IMO: Beverly *Silva* Dunbar '51

IMO: Carl Hodson '52

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IMO: Howard M. Hodges '44	
1975 Joe Shammass	Pacific Grove
IMO: Greg Tarola '75	
1982 Georgianne <i>Sloan</i> Checchi	Pacific Grove
IMO: Bill & Madelyn Sloan Faculty	

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1954 Richard Greulich	Pleasanton
1954 Margaret <i>Selbicky</i> Stewart	Pacific Grove
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1960 Marsha <i>Hisey</i> Fields	Arcadia
1960 Marian <i>Marsh</i> Fleming**	Santa Rosa
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1960 Ethel <i>Rowe</i> Stowe	Naples, FL
1960 Edward Spencer	Washington, IN
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1962 Michael Fahey	Half Moon Bay
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1968 Nora <i>Bawann</i> Norton	Fayetteville, NC
1968 Robert Winter	Gardnerville, NV
1968 Tom Wright	Knights Ferry
1969 Bob Hauswirth*	Salinas
1970 Kathy <i>Shirey</i> Hunter	Pacific Grove
1970 Suzy <i>Stillwell</i> Derowski*	Marina
1970 Linda <i>Klamm</i>	Orinda

1971 Sheri <i>Stillwell</i> Hauswirth*	Salinas
1974 Sandi <i>Dix</i> Eason	Pebble Beach
1974 JoAnn <i>Getz</i> Meyer	Port Angeles, WA
1975 Bill Derowski*	Marina
1977 Anna Maria <i>Coletti</i>	Gardnerville, NV
1978 Sheryl <i>Markham</i> Smith	San Leandro
2006 Creston Whiting-Casey	Sacramento

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1946 Jim deLorimier	Pebble Beach
1958 Raya <i>Schooley</i> Hoskinson	Pacific Grove
1961 Donna <i>Miller</i> Litt	Raton, NM
1963 Erik Johnson	Santa Cruz
1966 Judy <i>Ravanelli</i> Johnson	Santa Cruz

*Donation goes to sports programs

**Donation goes to music programs

PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

1939 Richard "Dick" Gamble	Sedro Woolley, WA
1952 Mary <i>Head</i> Boardman	Charleston, SC
1952 John Perkins	Reedley
IMO: Class of 1952 Deceased	
1954 Greg Shankle	Monterey
1957 William Dawson	Carmichael
1959 Beverly <i>Watson</i> Flynn	Anderson
1959 Thomas Flynn	Anderson
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1962 Glen Berwick	Pacifica
1964 Eileen <i>Mumford</i> Godinez	Richmond
1965 Charlene <i>Howell</i> Lowery	Pacific Grove
1966 Michael Berry	Fresno
1968 Kim <i>Kovalik</i>	Mosier, OR
1969 Steve Shudoma	Pebble Beach
1971 Mary <i>Ichiuji</i>	Santa Monica
2006 Creston Whiting-Casey	Sacramento

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Letters

Dear Joanie:

So sad to read that Phil has passed on. When I was at PGHS we lived across the street from the Bowhays. I sometimes baby sat with his very young brother and sister. I graduated way back in 1948. Was engaged to my soon to be husband Bill Finch during my senior year. We were married for 52 years when he died at only 72. Now that I'm 90 that seems very young. Bill was in the navy stationed at Del Monte, met him at the USO. Bill was from Oregon and we finally settled in Grants Pass, Oregon. Bill was a wonderful artist and cartoonist besides being a great husband, father and grandfather. He didn't live to see any of our 17 great-grandchildren. My younger sister Carol Crummey died three years ago; she graduated in 1952 from PGHS. I love Pacific Grove and often wish we had never moved from there. In 1951 we bought the little house at 891 Lighthouse. If you can believe it, we paid \$7500 for it. I wonder if anyone remembers me.

*Merry Christmas,
Joyce Crummey Finch '48
Grants Pass, OR*



891 Lighthouse as it appears today. It last sold in 2000 for \$783,000 and is currently estimated by Zillow at \$913,000. See P. 22 for a photo of the entire block of these little houses. If you're reading the newsletter on paper, each house has been painted a different Southwestern-ish color. This one is a rosy brick color.

Photo by Beth Penney

Hi,

The girls in the "Who and Where Is It" picture in the December issues are Penny Riley, Judy Medany, and Maxine Perkins (yes), all class of 1965. I should know where the picture was taken but I think it is either Holman's or Prim and Proper.

*Penny Riley '65
Fair Oaks*

Beth,

Not sure about the first two but I think it's Penny Riley, Marilyn Royer and Maxine Perkins for sure. Class of '65 taken, I think at Holman's (yes).

*Ken Chamberlain '62
Auburn*

Joanie,

Thanks for all your hard work! Have a wonderful Christmas too, and YES a better New Year's too!

*Best Regards,
Kathy Corona '71
Monterey*

Dear Joanie,

I'm writing to you from Sydney, where I have lived for 45 years. I graduated from PGHS in 1963. I hold many lovely and loving memories of Pacific Grove and the Monterey Peninsula. Receiving the *Knockout II* is always a happy amble down memory lane thanks to the many historical articles that are always included. I want to congratulate you and the *Knockout II* staff for your marvellous efforts made on behalf of those of us who have left the Monterey Peninsula and live far, far away.

*Regards from "Down Under" in Sydney
Mike Davis '63
Sydney, Australia*

Dear Joanie,

This is to let you know that I have moved to Colorado. I will probably miss California at some time but I've been too busy with the move to notice. Had to be closer to my son and my wife's family. Big change going from a small town (Los Altos) to Denver. Also going from a condo that had 21 units to a building with 266.

*Hope you and all are healthy and happy.
Kenneth J. Parker '57
Denver, CO*

Letters, continued

Dear Joanie,

Just a note to let you know I am still alive and fairly well. My computer is not working so I am actually writing a note. The past year has been hard on all of us. I had my 90th birthday last May, but had to postpone the celebration the family had planned because of the COVID. So far I have had only a bout of pneumonia in October, and I had a good recovery. I am in independent senior apartments, so we were given our first vaccine. Thankfully, we have all done well. Will have our second on 2/9. Mostly I miss our family get-togethers. Our family has been super-cautious. My sons, Michael and Gary, do most of my shopping, and they are mostly my only family contact. I do have space to go outside and walk, at least. I tended our patio garden until winter set in. The daffodils and tulips (and weeds) are already popping up, so spring will be here soon. Thank you for all of you who keep us in touch.

*Best regards,
Betty McDanel Kavanagh '48
Poulsbo, WA*

Dear Joanie,

Please find my PGHSAA dues for the next two years. I have also included In Memory Of donations. I really appreciate the work of the PGHSAA and especially the *Knockout II* because it enables me to keep in touch from my home in Australia.

*Yours sincerely,
Jack English '61
Tasmania, Australia*

Dear PGHSAA:

Our graduates, parents, and volunteers thank you for your generous contribution. Without your help, our event would not be possible.

*Sincerely,
The PGHS Sober Grad Night Committee*

Editor's note: graduation celebrations were held online in 2020 and will probably be held online in 2021, but there are production costs; PGHSAA is happy to help!

Dear Joanie,

I'm writing this check for Darold. He had a fall at home and broke his hip, had surgery, and the next day had a stroke. His right arm is paralyzed. He spent almost a month in the hospital. He is home now, and hopefully, with a lot of work at home and in the physical therapist's office, he will get the use of his arm back.

*Sincerely,
Pat Sunkler
Wife of Darold Sunkler '53
Bandon, OR*

Dear PGHS Alumni Association,

Thank you so much for considering me and awarding me a generous scholarship. Your contribution will significantly help me along in my academic journey as I strive to do my best. I will make certain to use my scholarship to its fullest as I embark on my course to earn a degree in aerospace engineering.

*Thank you,
Seth Knoop 2020
Brigham Young University*

Dear Beth,

Just thought I'd send you this for fun—I'm reminiscing a lot lately! It may be more than you care to know, but I got inspired after reviewing the latest *Knockout II*—thanks for all you do!

*Diane Beall Speckman '56
Eugene, OR*

Editor's note: We decided Diane's letter was not "just for fun," and we have printed it on p. 11 along with the darling picture she sent!

Help Wanted: Treasurer

The PGHSAA needs a volunteer treasurer. Duties include paying bills, collecting and depositing checks, making a regular report to the Board, scheduling yearly meetings with our auditor, and creating a yearly budget. If you can help, please contact Joanie Hyler, joanie@pghsaa.org.

Obituaries

JULY

1975 Gary Nair Idaho

NOVEMBER

1972 Rocky Nightingale Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

1971 Gilda Gomez Zapfe Foxfield, CO

1975 Greg Tarola Sacramento

DECEMBER

1942 Paul Ichiuji Salinas

1967 Diana Moffett Powell Morgan Hill

1969 Alton McSween San Leandro

1945 Donald Booth Lafayette

JANUARY

1977 Cheryl Rowe Monterey, CA

1961 Ron Reither Powell, WY

1967 Pat Hathaway Pacific Grove

1978 Michael Rodrigues Seaside

FEBRUARY

1952 Jane Lowery Weisser Sacramento

JULY



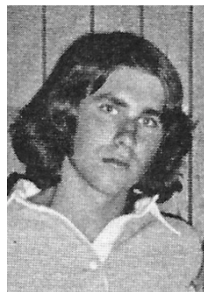
Gary Robert Nair passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on July 13, 2020, in Idaho. He was born to Gerald '48 and Donna Hauswirth Nair '48 on April 23, 1957, at the old Carmel Hospital. He had been living in Tombstone, AZ, for the past several years; however, he was

raised and spent most of his adult life on the Monterey Peninsula. He attended Forest Grove Elementary and, PG Junior High and graduated from PGHS in 1975. Gary was a three-sport athlete at PGHS but was probably best known for his accomplishments on the football field. A 2001 *Monterey Bay Prep Report* wrote that Gary was "one of the greatest athletes to come out of PG High." In 1974, he led in rushing (1000+ yards) and scoring (14 touchdowns), and was named to the All-MTAL team. He also made the All-Central Coast Section

team and was deemed "Back of the Year." He led PG's defeat of Soquel in the CCS Regional Championships that year by running 190 yards and scoring 5 touchdowns! After additional success on the MPC gridiron, he was recruited by the University of Oregon. A 1976 article in *Touchdown Publications* listed Gary Nair, Oregon Duck running back, as one of the "Nation's Best at Offense." This eventually led to a tryout with the Oakland Raiders. Gary worked as a truck driver, traveling all over the country. Two of his favorite pastimes were walking his dog and fishing. He especially loved to fish at Webber Lake, as it held fond childhood/family memories. He was predeceased by his father Gerald and his sister Karen '82. He leaves his wife Sherri, his daughter Ali 2000, and his mother Donna of P.G., and his sister Debbie Nair Williams '71 of Marina. He is also survived by his niece Chrissy Williams Toevs 2002; nephew Nathan Williams; grandnieces Jizelle Williams and Bella Messenger; grandnephews Jack Toevs, Trey Messenger, and Tyler Messenger; a stepson, Luke Skinner; and two step-grandchildren.

Editor's note: Thanks to Gary's family for responding to our request in the last issue for more information about his death. If you have information about a PGHS alumnus who has passed away, please let us know.

NOVEMBER



Robert "Rocky" Ray Nightingale, Jr., passed away November 11 in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Rocky was born August 29, 1954, and died November 11, 2020. He graduated from PGHS, where he was active in several sports and was voted, along with classmate Valerie

Rugg, "Best Looking" of his Class of 1972. He is survived by his sisters Betty Rae Nightingale Wallace '57 and Stacey Nightingale Mahaney '75.

Gilda Gomez Zapfe passed away on November 12, 2020 in Foxfield, CO, at the age of 67. She was born in 1953 in Crystal City, Texas, to Jose and Olivia Gomez. She was a 1971 graduate of PGHS. She was involved in her church and was a devoted

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wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of Ladies Auxiliary, and received a letter of commendation from the mayor of San Jose for her involvement with Project Crackdown. Gilda was loved and cherished by many people during her lifetime, including her parents, Jose Gomez and

Olivia Gomez; her husband Charles Zapfe (Mike); her children Brian, Stephanie Rainer, and Mike; her grandchildren Vanessa, Katelyn, Kyle, Owen, Aaron, Alyssa, Noah and Liam; and her siblings Gloria '69, Theresa, Cecilia, Joe '73, Oscar '75, and Carrie.

Greg Tarola '75 died in Sacramento on Nov. 20. See P. 17 for his obituary.

DECEMBER



Paul Terumoto Ichiuji passed away on December 2, 2020, one month shy of his 96th birthday. Paul was born on January 1, 1925, to Kikujiro and Katsu Ichiuji. He was the fifth of seven children. Born and raised in

P.G., Paul was a member of the PGHS Class of 1942. During WWII, the Ichiuji family was in an internment camp in Poston, AZ. During that time, Paul was drafted into the US Army and served with the Military Intelligence Service. In 2011 he was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal for his military service. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Paul attended UC Berkeley and graduated with a degree in accounting and marketing. He worked in accounting and sales for produce and floral businesses in the Salinas Valley for over 50 years. Paul was an active member of the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Japanese Americans Citizen League. He served as president of the JACL and was instrumental in the "Day of Remembrance" events held each February to commemorate the Executive Order that directed Japanese Americans to be housed at the Assembly

Center at the Salinas Rodeo Grounds before being sent to the internment camps. In 2019, the JACL honored Paul's many years of service by planting a tree in his honor in the Japanese Memorial Garden at the Salinas Community Center. Paul was an 18-year member of PGHSAA. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Mickey '36, Joseph '37, Jimmie '38, Kazumae '40, Lucy, and Harry '48. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sumi Ichiuji, and his children, Arnold Ichiuji of Gilroy and Alyson Tonomura of Moraga. Paul was the proud grandfather of Kayla, Ethan, Brendan, Paul, Austin, Nicklaus and Joseph. He was also the beloved uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.



Diana Moffett Powell was born in Monterey to Ralph and Clarice Moffett. She passed away on December 7, 2020. Diana grew up in P.G. and was the PGHS Class of '67 Valedictorian and First Chair Clarinet, along with being an Honored Queen of Job's Daughters. She earned a degree in dental

hygiene at Cabrillo College and moved to Sacramento, where she met the love of her life, Nelson Powell. As Nelson furthered his education to become a world-renowned surgeon, Diana supported their growing family as a hygienist, teacher, and mentor to many. She was active in St. Bede's Episcopal Church in Menlo Park, the Prevent Blindness Foundation, and various other organizations. Diana loved interior decorating and landscape design; her homes were always beautiful and her gardens gorgeous. Genealogy was also a great passion. She spent hours researching the Moffett family tree, including countless trips to Salt Lake City to do research and travels to obscure locations across the country following branches of the tree. Diana loved the San Francisco Giants. She became a season ticket holder in 1989; the joy she had when they won the World Series in 2010 was something for the ages. She was a 12-year member of PGHSAA. She is survived by her mother, Clarice Moffett, and her brothers, Robert '70 and Richard '74; her husband, Nelson Powell, M.D.; and her sons, Scott and Christopher. She is also survived by her grandchildren Hailey, Riley, and Claire. Diana

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was a loving stepmother to Rhonda, Angela, and Christina, and leaves numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Ron Carpenter, 91, passed peacefully in his Selma, CA, home surrounded by his loving wife, Ellen, and family on December 11, 2020. He was born in Madera to Audrey (Carp) and Maureen Carpenter. In the early 40s, the Carpenters moved to P.G., where Ron

graduated from PGHS in 1948. He played football and basketball and ran track. There he met his high school sweetheart, Ellen *Hufford* '49, who was a cheerleader. They married in 1950 and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary earlier this year. All three of their sons were born in Carmel. In 1956, they moved to Selma, where Ron opened two full-service Mobil stations on the old 99 Highway. In the mid 1960s, the state built the new 99 Highway and Ron's businesses started to slack off, so he sold them and became an electrician with a local contractor. Ron was a 31-year member of PGHSAA. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, of Selma; sons Stephen of Big Timber, MT; Scott of Selma; Kurt of Clovis; and 9 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Dan Hufford '66 of Salinas.



Alton McSween died December 16, 2000, in San Leandro after hip surgery. A 1969 graduate of PGHS, Alton was a straight-A student, campus leader, AND driver of a cool Mercury Cougar. Quickness and strength were his attributes. A sports correspondent for *The*

Herald, Alton scored the winning touchdown, then wrote about it that night. He was all-MTAL in football (undefeated 1968), basketball (a quick point guard) and baseball (a rifle arm at shortstop). He played baseball at Sacramento State, then came back to play football (all-state) at MPC, and all-

conference on The Lobos' Coast champion baseball team. Then, Alton was tri-captain of the UCLA football team before he was injured in a bicycle accident, ending his athletic career. But Alton returned to the Peninsula to coach football and track at Seaside High. Alton's star wasn't always bright. He had some pitfalls, including drug and robbery convictions that landed him a life sentence in San Quentin, but he was released after voters passed the third-strike review proposition. He became a model drug and abuse counselor after his release, but he suffered kidney failure a couple of years ago. He was always popular and respected in P.G. His mother, Leticialee *Walker*, was in the PGHS class of '40, and his sister Marguerite was in the class of '65.



Donald Blackshear Booth passed away December 24, after celebrating an early Christmas with his daughters and their families. Don never spent a Christmas without his beloved wife, Alice, who died on Nov. 27, except when serving our country during his war service.

It seems his last Christmas wish was to be with her again. Don struggled with Alzheimer's and dementia for the last few years but he never forgot his love for Alice. He took pride in both his U.S. Air Force and Army military service, and in a 35-year career at a major corporation where he started off rolling oil barrels and ended as a labor relations executive. Don was born January 27, 1928, in Honolulu to Norman Topping Booth and Mary Blackshear Booth, the youngest of three children. The family moved to California when Don was 12, the year before Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese. They lived in the Bay Area for a few years and then moved to P.G., and Don graduated from PGHS in 1946. He met Alice at Stanford. They dated throughout their college years, graduating in 1950. Don joined the USAF after serving in the Army from July 1946 to January 1948. They were married in 1951 and had three children. Don retired from Chevron in 1985, and he and Alice took great pleasure in retirement activities. Don was a 26-year member of PGHSAA. He is survived by his daughters, Diane and Suzanne. His son Donald passed away in 2019 and a son, Brian, died shortly after birth in 1953. He also is

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survived by grandchildren Kevin Conway, Sean Conway, and Erin Conway; and by his brother Norman T. Booth, Jr. of Santee.

January



Cheryl Rowe passed away on January 2. She was born in Monterey and attended P.G. schools, and was in the Class of 1977 at PGHS. She worked in the hospitality industry in her early years and then spent 5 years working at the Defense Language Institute in the

recreation department. But the job she loved the most was working at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies for the last 14 years, where she worked as the cashier, helping students with tuition, and managed the special programs. Cheryl enjoyed many water sports, camping, playing cards, and spending time with her family and friends, especially during the holidays. She had a love for horses, especially her own Lips and Blue and of course, her dog Buddy, who passed away in October. She could sit and watch the ocean for hours; it was one of her favorite pastimes. She was passionate about all her friendships in which she had many close friends that were dear to her. Cheryl is preceded in death by her son, Justin Bossard; her mother and father, John and Lucille Rowe; two brothers, Ronnie '85 and Michael '81; and a sister, Patricia. She is survived by a brother, John '71, and a sister, Brenda '74; her nephews John III, Jeremy, and Jarrod; and a niece, Pamela. She is also survived by her cousins Donna Garcia, Diane Quimby, Glenda Kelley, and Sherry Brady, with whom she spent many vacations and holidays, and by lifetime friends Kris Brooks, Gail Nonella, Marilyn Wilson, and Kristy Kensill, who were like sisters to her.

Jon Reither, retired P.G. Chief of Police, passed away at the age of 77 in Billings, MT, due to COVID-19, on January 8. He graduated from PGHS in 1961. Jon courageously battled the virus with strength and determination. On his final day, his wife Jan and his sons Eric and Scott were by his



side. In Jon's 30+ year career with the PGPD, he worked his way through the ranks to the top. Jon was a proud graduate of the FBI National Academy, and he will long be recognized in the law enforcement community as a strong leader in the areas of finance, personnel, and training. He inspired many officers who recognized his vision, high character, and ethos, and he was equally recognized by the community for his honorable service. Since retirement, Jon enjoyed traveling around our wonderful country with his wife Jan, spending more time with his sons and grandchildren Joshua and Megan, and growing his relationship with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jon was a 30-year member with PGHSAA, and his dues were paid up until 2029. He always had optimism. A celebration of life service will be planned for a later date.

Pat Hathaway '67 passed away in January. See p. 15 for his obituary.

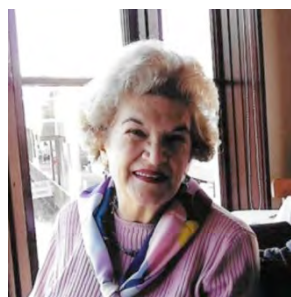


Michael Anthony Rodrigues, 60, passed away January 17. The son of Samuel and Phyllis (Ahrenstorff) Rodrigues, Michael was born June 11, 1960, in Carmel. He attended Ord Terrace Elementary School in Seaside and played catcher for the Braves baseball team in the Seaside Little League. He also played football in the Seaside Pop Warner League. His family moved to P.G. in 1972, and he continued his baseball and football "career" at Pacific Grove Middle School and PGHS, where he graduated with the class of 1978. His favorite class in school was Auto Shop because when he was not playing sports, he helped his dad at their auto repair/gas station, Sam's BP in Seaside. In 1985, Michael married Donna Green in Lake Tahoe. Their daughter, Heather Nicole, was born in 1985. In 1995, Michael and Donna bought the Rose Automotive shop on Del Monte Avenue in Seaside. In 2019 Michael sold his business to Sam Diaz. Michael was predeceased by his grandparents, brothers Joseph A. Rodrigues and Raymond A. Rodrigues, nephews Wayne A.

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Rodrigues and Billy J. White, and aunt Cindy (Sam) Rodrigues. He is survived by parents Samuel and Phyllis Rodrigues, wife Susan Rodrigues, daughter Heather Rodrigues; brother Samuel Rodrigues Jr.; sisters Victoria Aliano, Eva Rodrigues, and Jeri Oreaboe; grandchildren Michael J. Rodrigues and McKenna Rodrigues; stepchildren Kelly O'Hara and Evan O'Hara; ex-wife Donna Rodrigues, and many nieces and nephews.

February



Jane Lowrey Weisser, who died Feb. 3, was born in Oklahoma in 1934. She came to California with her mother, Nola, and two brothers in 1946. Jane attended P.G. Grammar and Junior High and her first year at PGHS with the Class

of 1952 but graduated from Carmel High School in 1952. After two years at MPC, she studied journalism at UC Berkeley, where she met her husband. After graduating in 1958, both became reporters, Jane for a Marin County paper and Pete in Vallejo. The couple married in 1962. Jane then worked as a Social Security official for over 35 years in Northern California. Jane maintained close ties to her Carmel classmates by writing a monthly newsletter. She also organized a Neighbors Watch group for her 14th Street neighbors in Sacramento. She was buried in P.G. Jane was a 25-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her husband Peter of Sacramento; an elder brother, Keith '49, who lives in Virginia; and several nephews and nieces.

"In Memory Of" donations are a wonderful way to remember friends and loved ones and to support PGHSAA. Donate to the address on P. 2 of this newsletter! Thanks to those who have made generous "IMO" donations recently and over the years.

Memories

By Diane Speckman Beall '56

I was in the Butterfly Parade in three different roles. The picture at right is from 1946—my sister Judy and me, and I think we led the parade. Our beautiful wings were made by our next-door neighbor, Dr. Earl Myers, retired biologist from Hopkins Marine Station. He also made us a beautiful two-story dollhouse with electric lights.



1956: I led the PGHS Marching Band as drum major. I was the last female drum major for a long time! In about 1980 or so, I went to a band contest in the San Jose area and saw the P.G. Band was there. I went over to speak to the majorettes and told them I'd been one of them 25 years earlier. They just stared at me, like "Big Deal." I sort of slunk away.

1960: I returned to P.G. after college (San Jose State) to teach 4th grade at David Avenue. The first thing I had to do was prepare for our role in the Butterfly Parade. Since it was an election year (Kennedy-Nixon), we marched as campaigners with "Vote for the Butterflies" placards.

And there was another year—'55? I taught baton twirling to little girls at Lighthouse School, and that little group marched in the October parade. They weren't that great, but they sure were cute.

I went all the way through P.G. schools, from kindergarten through high school. There were three others who did this: Ken Down, Donna Brooks, and one other—wish I could remember that fourth name. I'm now 82 (!), and I have fun bantering back and forth with Ken and Betty Down in Wickenburg, AZ. We make fun bets over the University of Oregon (I'm in Eugene) and Stanford games (Ken went there). Mickey Shintani Tachibana and I went on to San Jose State together, and we still get together yearly (well, almost) with other members of a women's honorary we were in—60+ years of reunions! I am also close with Nancy Burton Williams Hoy '55. I flew down for her wedding to high school sweetheart Tom Hoy in Turlock.

Classic Bowhay: When Chickens in P.G. Meant Plenty of Fresh Eggs

Recalling sounds of the good old days in Pacific Grove, our home town, something I don't think you'll hear any more are chickens, especially roosters like those that apparently are keeping many of our North County friends awake all night and all day, too. Somewhere along the line I suppose the city passed a law against them, and while not every home had a hen house, most people had fresh eggs. There was a nice sort of cluck cluck from back yards, and a strident cock a doodle doo from a rooster or two.

Some folks were bothered, I guess, but nobody complained about the gulls, and come to think of it, they seem a little scarcer now, too! Brother Tom had an old pet red hen named "Broken Toe," for obvious reasons, and she delivered nice brown eggs every other day. Followed Tom around the yard like a puppy and produced a modest amount of manure while she was at it.

There were a lot of rabbit hutches around town, just for pets, of course, and now and then there was a loose rabbit hopping between houses.

Plenty of Easter ducks, but by the end of summer they fit in happily at El Estero. My mom had a parrot named Poncho that now lives with Brother Tom and six other parrots in his office in Jackson. Old. Been known to lay an egg. Parrots do that.

Slightly more upscale were the pigeons, and Dick de Lorimier was King of the Cote, with dozen of homers, tumblers, and fan tails. Once upon a time I signed up for a taxidermy class, one pigeon required. I think Mr. Ruth was the instructor and demonstrated the humane way to put the bird to be stuffed to sleep. I'll show you some time.

So off to de Lorimiers' I went and bought a nice bird for a dollar, not explaining to Dick the planned demise. Since the next class was a couple of weeks away, I installed my pigeon in a nice coop above the back porch, with plenty of food and a nice view. Believe it or not, you can get attached to a pigeon. Time for the class, and I just couldn't do it! I opened the coop and out he went, a straight line back to de Lorimiers' out on Lighthouse. I didn't have the nerve to ask for my dollar back.

And speaking of pigeons, you will remember the early days of television when most of the houses in town had spindly aluminum antennas wired to the chimneys. Well, in flew a wave of wild pigeons, big and black, and they roosted on those antennas just long enough to bend or break them, and away they went. All over town, antennas either gone or pointing down!

There never was much notable livestock in town, although I do remember Ray Lugo riding a white horse up Fountain Avenue to Pine. Best of all, donkey baseball at the softball field.

I think there are more deer, raccoons, and even butterflies now than then, and not in the same category, a lot fewer salmon and abalone.

Editor's note: You can now have up to four hens with a permit in Pacific Grove, but no roosters.

"Horses, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, gulls, raccoons, deer, squirrels, geese, and any other domestic, domesticated, exotic or wild animal, other than those usually and ordinarily kept as household pets" are prohibited, although Phil was right—there's certainly no reason to keep deer, raccoons, or squirrels, as they are now available at any time in town! Unfortunately, our butterfly population is suffering the fate of monarch butterflies worldwide and has dropped appreciably in recent years.



One of your editor's cats, Timothy Raisin III, makes friends with a deer in the next-door neighbor's yard on Park Street. Photo by neighbor Gail Nonella '77.

Phil Bowhay '47 passed away in 2020. His past columns will continue to appear in *The Knockout II*. This column originally appeared in *The Monterey Herald* in 2008; reprinted with permission.

A Modern Fire Station for \$56,000

From the magazine *American City*, March 1949

By A.D. Coons, Pacific Grove City Manager

A new station at Pacific Grove, Calif., was opened as a living war memorial to citizens who served in World War II. A bronze plaque carries the names of 12 members of the Pacific Grove Volunteer Fire Department who had served their country. The Fire Department consists of five paid driver-engineers and 18 volunteers.

The first designs considered were the conventional two-story station with living and recreational quarters over the equipment room. Because of the necessity of providing a fire-resistive floor separation between the first and second floors, the cost of this type of construction was prohibitive.

Fire Chief Lavere Todd then made an inspection trip to study

some 18 stations before deciding on the new design, which was

worked out in cooperation with Architect Robert Jones. The plant incorporates a single-story four-hour-fire-resistive equipment room, 38 by 60 feet, accommodating six pieces of apparatus. The adjoining recreational and living quarters are of two-story, frame, one-hour-fire-resistive construction. Sleeping quarters for 16 men are located in a large recreation room with an adjoining modern kitchen. To the rear of the equipment room is a one-story service and repair room 12 by 43 feet. At one end of this room, rising to a height of three stories, is a drill tower.

Other features of the new station are radiant floor heating for the entire first floor, built-in battery-charger

outlets in the floor of the equipment room, vertical venetian blinds in the recreation room, electrically operated doors controlled from the recorder desk, and a 2,000-gallon suction tank under the outside concrete apron.

Our citizens of Pacific Grove appreciate the foresight, and are pleased not only with the modern structure but also with the ability of their City Council and administrative officers to hold the contract cost to \$55,668 at a time when it did not look as if the \$60,000 appropriated for the job would be sufficient.

At left, a photo from the 1958 Better Homes and Gardens Christmas issue showing fire station decorations by Robert Ross and Dan Gardner. Note the engines. We were going to save this photo until next Christmas but then we came across the American City story.



The 1949 photo from American City. A photo of the current fire station appears on p. 23.



A mechanical scene at the Pacific Grove, California, firehouse delights children and adults alike. The figures were designed by Robert Ross on tempered hardboard, then painted by all firemen on duty. The conveyor belt, which has toys marching across entire scene, runs on a motor, while record plays. Mechanical engineer: Dan Gardner.

Revisiting P.G. Hardware

Editor's note: Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth '71 called us after the last issue came out and pointed out that the story about P.G. Hardware, originally printed in the Monterey Herald, did not correctly outline the work of her father, Richard Stillwell '50, in creating and establishing the business. We are happy to reprint the story here with her edits.

Some spaces in P.G. experience constant change, while others seem to stay the same no matter what. At Pacific Grove Ace Hardware at 229 Forest Avenue in downtown P.G., one constant you'll find is the leadership of owner Bill Derowski '75, right, and his staff, who've kept the friendly hardware retailer going since 2000.



The building the store occupies is owned and was built by Richard Stillwell '50, below. Richard is also the founder of P.G. Hardware, which opened in 1979. From the outset, the store set itself apart with a



focus on customer service that would be the backbone of the experience at 229 Forest. The existence of a second Ace Hardware franchise in Forest Hill Shopping Center and the fact

that both stores do a brisk business is a testament.

Before coming to Pacific Grove Hardware in 1982, Bill had seven years of retail experience. "I learned you go up and greet the customer and ask them what they need. You, as an employee, are there to help the customer solve a problem."

Despite not being in the hardware industry, he honed his retail skills by taking his father-in-law Richard's advice seriously and developed an ear for what people want when they choose to go to a hardware store. "I don't have training in hardware," Bill says. "I have training in customers. They'll tell you what they need something for, and that's something you can learn. That's just meeting demand. It's what you learn, once you know it all, that counts."

Bill has seen to it that his service is extremely customer-oriented, and it is that orientation which has made the business successful year after year. The store stands out for its customer service experience and provides an unparalleled level of expertise to all who cross its threshold.

Walking into P.G. Hardware, any customer is immediately greeted by the first available staff person who kindly inquires what they're looking for. They'll know exactly where to find the item if it is in stock and will lead their customer straight to the item in person and answer any questions they may have. It's a retail experience that stands out for its efficiency, expertise and downright pleasantness.

Clerks are never pushy, just genuinely eager to be of help, and they go behind the counter only when you're ready to check out. Bill says this service component is an intangible but critical aspect to his success in brick-and-mortar retail in a time when the competition has never been more fierce. "It costs you no more to wait on them like that and retail competition is so fierce now," Bill says. "We can't compete on price compared to Home Depot, or Amazon so we have to compete on something."

His commitment to customer service has paid off and ensures he runs a healthy business that relies almost exclusively on full-time staff with a generous bonus and benefits structure that has allowed him to hang on to staffers long-term.

Bill is also active in the business community and has taken his work ethic out the doors of the hardware store and into the business community, serving on the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce's board of directors and remaining active in P.G.'s Downtown Business Improvement District. On the Chamber board, Bill keeps an eye out for retailers and wants to ensure the downtown business district has a strong and diverse mix of businesses.

He chalks up his involvement in the business community to wanting to do his utmost to ensure success both for his own operation and those of others. "Take care of your employees they'll take care of you; do the same with your business and it'll take care of you and always take care of the customer. You get out what you put in."

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Pat Hathaway

By Dixie Layne '66 – a friend, a sister

Pascal “Pat” Marc Charie Hathaway '67 passed away January 4 in his Pacific Grove home. His unexpected death left his Pacific Grove family, friends, and colleagues, as well as the community at large, in shock and grieving.

Pascal was born of a love affair that took place amid the chaos and destruction of World War II France. His father was a French Resistance fighter who fell in love with a young and beautiful French girl in Orleans. Pascal was born in post-war Paris. His parents' love didn't last, fading as the rebuilding of Europe began and American military forces arrived to help.

Among the men who arrived in France was Colonel James L. Hathaway. He met the young and beautiful Joelle LeGrand, and they married in 1951, on a summer's day, in her hometown of Orleans. In May, 1953, the new LeGrand Charie Hathaway family moved to Carmel, eventually settling in the Presidio of Monterey military housing. Five years later, the Colonel retired from his



Pascal and his mother Joelle in 1953

last duty station, Fort

Ord, and the family moved to P.G., where Pascal started third grade at Lighthouse Elementary. This was the same year Elmarie *Hurlbert* Hyler Dyke '15 revived the Feast of Lanterns and asked the Colonel to accept a seat on the judging panel that would select Miss Pacific Grove, who would become the first Queen Topaz.

At Lighthouse Elementary, Pascal met his lifelong friend, Patrick Lovejoy. This meeting and their bond were kismet. Patrick's family had a strong bond with John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts, and as Pascal matured and his interest in local history developed, his own relationship evolved with Ed Ricketts' two eldest children, Ed Jr. and Nancy.

Pascal's interest in photography was inspired by

a 12th birthday gift he received a Kodak Brownie camera. Over the next several years, Pascal took on the Americanized version of his French name, Pat. He was a free spirit and all about his collections, exploring P.G., cameras, and photography. He acquired his first professional camera when he was in high school, and became the yearbook staff photographer in his junior and senior years.

Pat was drafted into military service before graduation. A member of the class of '67, he did not receive his diploma until 1971. He was first stationed in Vietnam (1968), where he was exposed to Agent Orange – his death sentence. In 1969 he was stationed in Alaska, where he ran the craft shop photography lab.

During his tours of duty, he carried his camera everywhere. After his service was complete in 1970, Pat came home and started looking for a job, and by happenstance, he came across Jan Josselyn, who was getting rid of her husband's



Pat with his camera in Viet Nam, 1970

photographic “stuff.” It was one of those take-it-all-or-nothing

situations. Josselyn said the museums and libraries weren't interested in the collection. Pat took it all.

At this time, Pat started working for the legendary Elmarie as her chauffeur and helped her with various projects at the P.G. Art Center. This position provided him an insight into the business end of the art world and was a position he was happy to hold until her death in 1981. Pat opened a studio in the Art Center, right next door to Elmarie's.

In 1971, *The Herald* did a story on Pat and his photography, and this story was the catalyst for people seeking him out to give him their photographic collections. It also led him to browse through old phone books to track down photographers who weren't working or living any longer, in an attempt to acquire their collections. Pat asked if they would like to donate or sell their work to him. He often mused, “I have no idea how much

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stuff went to the dump before I came along.”

Beyond the Josselyn collection, Pat was gifted a collection of photographs of Yosemite, P.G., the early California missions, and the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake, taken by Edgar A. Cohen from 1890 through the 1920's. A.C. Heidrick (1876-1955) took panoramic photographs from 1907 through 1940, and his children gifted those photos to Pat.

Pat was acquainted with Charles K. Tuttle's daughter, Winifred Beaumont, and when she began to distribute her father's photos to various organizations in the early 1970s, she gave Pat a collection of his photos taken from 1880 through the 1920s. He also received C.W.J. Johnson's photo collection, which consisted primarily of images of the Peninsula from 1880 to 1903. Pat's collection consists of, in total, some 70 photographers' work for whom he has at least 50 images or more, and another 1,000 photographers whose collections are less than 50 images each.

Until her death in 2014, Pat and Joelle were a wonderful mother-and-son team. When the Colonel passed in 1985, Pat stepped in as his mother's caregiver. Joelle was a joyous woman who loved to entertain. She was a cancer survivor and paraplegic from 1969, but that didn't slow her down. She could be seen racing about town in the orange car she called Pumpkin, and she loved nothing more than to cook fabulous meals for friends and family.

Although the Colonel had legally adopted Pat, he never felt connected to the Colonel. His mother had told him his birth father had died the year after he was born. Actually, after the war, Pat's birth father entered politics, married, and had two children. He was assassinated in 1973.

About four years ago, Pat became interested in finding his paternal birth family. The journey started when he came across an article from a French newspaper in his mother's possessions after her death. It was his birth father's obituary. There was a photo, and Pat looked just like him.

It didn't take long for Pat to find his half-brother and reach out to his him and his half-sister. It was awkward because as little as Pat knew about his deceased birth father and half-siblings, he was prepared to find them, but they knew nothing of Pat's existence. He loved his French connection.

A couple of years ago, Pat made his way back up north to Alaska to visit his dear friend, Nancy Ricketts. Ed Jr. had passed a year or two before he made the Alaska trip. Over the years, Ed Jr. and Pat often saw each other; Ed lived just up the road and over the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County.

Pat's prized Kodak Brownie Camera, which is part of a larger collection of cameras that lines the shelves in his home, along with thousands of prints on the walls and filed in cabinets, reminds us of his propensity to amass wonderful collections that run the gamut. His photographs were his life's work. He single-handedly maintained a collection of over 82,000 historical photographs that rivals other collections held anywhere. His collections of historical publications that lend background to the images fill bookcases throughout his house. Pat had a good life. He was proud of the collections he had accumulated over 60-plus years.

Pat loved this country, especially California, and in particular P.G. His hobby became his life's work as a visual storyteller whose collection of images



Pat and Elmarie Hurlbert Hyler Dyke at his first major exhibit at the P.G. Art Center in 1973

covered centuries of places and people. His life was filled with the history of his generation—child of post World War II, Vietnam vet, love and peace, music, suburban living, the arts, and new freedoms. He left us loved, cherished, and with a legacy beyond all expectations. Pat lived a good life, and he made ours better—this dear, kind, gentle soul.

Greg Tarola

From the nonprofit CapRadio



Growing up in affluent Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula, Greg Tarola '75 seemed to have it all: good looks, fast cars and lots of friends. "Greg was a total jock, standout athlete, the whole nine yards," said Debby Hardee Beck '77, who says she dated Tarola in the late 1970s, a few years after they graduated from

Pacific Grove High School.

On the surface, life was good. Tarola was charismatic, kind, loved to laugh, was proud of his Italian heritage and became a skilled dental lab technician, according to interviews with friends and family. But by his early 20s, life for Tarola got more difficult. That's when the seizures started. He was diagnosed with epilepsy, a neurological disorder that causes uncontrollable tremors and can lead to periods of unusual behavior and loss of awareness. As new struggles mounted, the seizure disorder stayed with him through his last days on the streets of Sacramento.

On November 20, 2020, Tarola was found dead, wrapped in blankets wet from the previous night's rain, according to a press release from Loaves & Fishes, a nearby homeless service center. The gregarious man from Pacific Grove was 63.

Though it wasn't easy, Tarola managed his epilepsy successfully for decades. During that time, he got married, had two sons, worked in the software industry and even played in fast-pitch baseball leagues well into his 40s. Still, the seizures remained a constant cloud, robbing Tarola of normalcy and pride, Beck said. Surgery and treatment failed to stop the disease, which when combined with Tarola's financial and marital struggles later in life, quite possibly "consumed him," she added.

Tarola spoke about his failing health with CapRadio last month near Loaves & Fishes on a chilly Sacramento morning, for a story about

warming centers. The conversation took place just three days before he passed. "I'm an older epileptic, obviously," Tarola said, seated on a curb, hours before a rainstorm, his hands covered in dirt, and his hair long and grey. "I lived it. I faced it," Tarola continued, sharing that he was also diabetic and that "medication doesn't work." He said he had recently become un-housed.

Many of Tarola's high school classmates, friends and family members have since contacted CapRadio to express both sadness and a desire to tell a fuller story about the charming and ultimately troubled man they knew decades ago. "To my dear friend Greg I'm sorry you passed this way," Patricia Dempsey '75, who went to high school with Tarola, wrote in an email. "You were worth more to life than to die cold on a sidewalk." Though hundreds of Californians die each year while experiencing homelessness, most do so with little notice after living largely an invisible life on the streets. Greg Tarola's case was an exception.

Natalie Lane met Greg Tarola in the early 1990s through coworkers who played softball with him in the Bay Area. The two hit it off, were married in 1995 and had a son, Christopher, who is now 23. They lived in Pleasanton, a suburb in Alameda County. Lane described Tarola as charismatic, good with computers and a huge sports fan. "The good parts of Greg were really good," she said. That included his lifelong passion for baseball, which led to coaching stints at his high school alma mater. "Greg coached baseball off and on at P.G. High and was a terrific help to me as a head coach, and as a player before that," Jeff Gray, PGHS football coach and former baseball coach, wrote in a recent Facebook post about Tarola. "He always had something positive to say."

Tarola also played in a 40-and-over fast pitch baseball league and would travel to Arizona each 17 year with Lane and his team to take part in a World



*Greg in his baseball days.
Courtesy CapRadio*

Tarola, continued

Series tournament. Tarola played in a 40-and-over fast pitch baseball league. Lane said Tarola took medication to keep his epilepsy under control throughout their five-year marriage. The disorder was present but didn't dominate his life. The bigger challenge, she said, was the pressure he felt to be



Greg, left, with sister Dawn '78 and brother Jeff '70. Photo courtesy CapRadio

the perfect "cookie-cutter family." "He wanted to be a family really, really bad," Lane added. But ultimately, Tarola's struggles with responsibility, drinking and his "demons" were too much. "He just couldn't do it," she said. After Tarola lost his job, Lane said the couple experienced financial troubles, then stress and heated arguments. "Our marriage just couldn't sustain it," Lane said.

The couple divorced. Tarola found temporary jobs and relationships, moving to several cities including Lodi and eventually Sacramento. "He just couldn't find anything solid for himself," Lane said. "He bounced around in jobs, he bounced around girlfriends, and he bounced around residences. He kept trying but he couldn't get that leg up." Tarola also kept trying to beat the epilepsy that dogged much of his life. Less than a decade ago, he underwent surgery and treatment to fight it. The effort largely failed, according to family.

Tarola also said he had tested positive for

COVID-19 a few days before speaking with CapRadio. Because of the positive test and his medical history, he would have been at the top of the list for emergency homeless housing under state guidelines. It's unknown whether he was offered such shelter, and if he was, whether he rejected it.

Despite Tarola's misfortunes, Lane said her ex-husband wasn't blameless — family and friends reached out and repeatedly offered help. But had Greg been given a shower and a warm place to sleep, he may not have died. Lane has thought a lot about homelessness; her father was a police officer who ended up on the streets late in his life. At one point, Lane said she bought her father a car so he'd have shelter, and then eventually helped him gain admission to a nursing home through a veteran's program. "You can't save them," she said. "You can't fix all their problems." Still, she said she believes communities can take some basic steps such as providing shelter at night. "I definitely think that there is an opportunity for just a little more human compassion," Lane added. "Had Greg been given a



A recent photo of Greg, courtesy CapRadio

shower and a warm place to sleep, I don't think he would have died," she said. "I think he died in the elements and I'm still waiting to find out if that's true, but I think he died of hypothermia." "And that's just not right," Lane said, as she wept. "It's just not right."

P.G. Grad Breaks Ground as Mental Skills Consultant

It began with a vision after hearing a speech on mental skills in a gym for a group of weightlifters. At that moment, Mike Franco realized being financially stable with a degree in hand wasn't enough. He had another calling. The 2006 PGHS graduate wanted to make a difference in people's lives and their professions from a mental perspective. And he wanted to do it in sports, at the highest level. "When I heard that speech, I had an immediate feeling that this is what I want to do," Franco said. "From there the journey took off."

It was a journey that landed Franco a job with the Dallas Mavericks and their G-League team as their mental skills coach, a role he held for three years before recently accepting a position as the Texas Rangers Director of Peak Performance. "It's the same job, just a different title," Franco said. "And I will be in charge of the program."

Buying into what Franco is preaching is not for all athletes. And the 32-year-old understands that. He's not there to brainwash a player. "This type of position is normal in golf and tennis," Franco said. "Basketball — not so normal. Baseball will offer new challenges. I need to brush up on my Spanish. I'm about helping athletes and coaches with their mental performances."

Five years ago, Franco himself didn't know the job even existed. Yet, he was sold on the idea of making a difference in athletes' careers minutes after he heard that speaker. So he dropped his career in the hotel industry, went back to school, and got a master's degree, and spent the next two years doing numerous internships while throwing his name out to several potential suitors.

One internship was at home: Franco came back and worked with players from the PGHS boys' basketball team. "He simply focused on mental conditioning and mental approach with our guys," Pacific Grove boys basketball coach Dan Powers said. "He observed practices and games. He mapped out a plan for us to have an approach."

Powers taught Franco in high school and coached him in basketball. He remembered him as a genuine and sincere kid who has remained humble

as an adult. "When he approached me about this, his passion for mental coaching showed right through," Powers said. "He had a very clear plan of what he's doing. We were lucky to have him for a year."

P.G. won the MTAL boys' basketball title during Franco's internship. Powers credited him with helping develop a handful of kids' mental approach. "Some kids would meet with Mike before each game," Powers said. "Two of our kids had their best seasons. He's really humble in how he does it. It's not like he forces it on you."

When he played football and basketball at PGHS, Franco had visions of staying involved in sports. The



Mike Franco '06, right, with Noah Allen, who played in the NBA G-League

mental aspect of his job gave him that connection. "I

had some great coaches in coach (Buck) Roggeman, coach (Todd) Buller and coach Powers," Franco said. "I learned so much from them. When I look back, I realize how lucky I was."

Franco breaks down his methods into three categories in what he labels "MVP": Meditation, visualization and power self talk. "Anyone can do this for five minutes a day," Franco said. "It's like a mental workout. Sit and learn and take a breath. It allows you to build a skill set, tools you can use to help focus."

The demand for positions like Franco's is growing as they are proving to be successful in helping athletes' careers in all sports. "There's a perception that it's a problem to work on your mindset," Franco said. "But it's life skills, the ability to manage your emotions, managing them when the stress level is high."

By John Devine. This story originally appeared in the *Monterey Herald*, December 27, 2020.

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Tasmania, AUS
Michoacan, MX
Samphran Nakhon
Pathom, THAI

Alabama

Silverhill

Arkansas

Fayetteville,
Hot Springs Village
Romance

Arizona

Buckeye,
Chino Valley (2)
Gold Canyon
Green Valley (2)
Lukeville
Peoria

Phoenix
Quartzsite
Salome

Scottsdale
Sierra Vista

Surprise (3)

Tucson (3)

Wickenburg (3)

California

Alameda (3)

Alamo, CA

Anderson (2)

Antelope

Aptos

Arcadia

Arroyo Grande

Atwater (2)

Auburn,

Bella Vista,

Ben Lomond

Benicia

Berkeley

Berry Creek

Bradley

Callahan

Campo,

Canyon Country

Capitola

Carmel (13)

Carmel Valley (4)

Carmichael

Castroville (5)

Chico

Cloverdale

Clovis

Coarsegold

Columbia

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Concord

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Daly City

Darwin

Davis

Del Rey Oaks (3)

El Cerrito

Elk Grove (3)

Etna

Fair Oaks (2)

Fall River Mills (2)

Freedom (2)

Fresno (9)

Glendale

Gold River

Goleta

Grass Valley

Half Moon Bay

Hayward

Hidden Valley Lake

Hillsborough

Hollister

Hughson

Huntington Beach

Indio (2)

Kelseyville

Knights Ferry

La Jolla

La Quinta (3)

Lafayette (3)

Lakeport

Lincoln (2)

Livermore

Lodi

Lompoc

Los Angeles (2)

Los Banos (2)

Los Molinos

Madera (2)

Manteca (2)

Marina (7)

Martinez

McKinleyville

Merced

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Modesto (2)

Monrovia

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Moss Landing

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Nipomo

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Orinda

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Pacifica

Palm Desert

Paso Robles

Pebble Beach (17)

Petaluma

Placerville

Pleasant Hill

Pleasanton (3)

Point Arena

Prunedale

Rancho Cordova

Redding (10)

Reedley

Richmond (2)

Ridgecrest

Rocklin (2)

Roseville (2)

Royal Oaks (2)

Sacramento (7)

Salinas (28)

San Anselmo

San Carlos

San Diego (2)

San Francisco (4)

San Jose (4)

San Leandro (2)

San Luis Obispo (3)

San Mateo

San Rafael

Santa Barbara

Santa Clarita

Santa Cruz (4)

Santa Monica

Santa Rosa (3)

Scotts Valley (4)

Seaside (10)

Sebastopol

Selma (2)

Shell Beach

Sherman Oaks

Shingle Springs

Sonora (2)

Soquel

Stockton (3)

Suisun City

Thermal (2)

Union City

Vacaville

Valencia

Vallejo

Ventura

Victorville

Visalia

Walnut Creek (2)

Watsonville (6)

West Sacramento

Westminster

Willows

Winchester (3)

Wishon

Woodacre

Colorado

Aurora (3)

Castle Rock

Colorado Springs (2)

Denver (2)

Dolores

Greeley

Lafayette

Lakewood (2)

Windsor

Connecticut

Pleasant Valley

Florida

Lakeland (2)

Naples

Palm Bay

Pensacola

Sarasota

St Petersburg

Georgia

Evans

Savannah

Woodstock

Hawaii

Honolulu

Idaho

Carrywood

Emmett

Hayden

Meridian

Nampa

Rathdrum

Wilder

Illinois

Cisne

Manchester (2)

Indiana

Seymour

Washington

Kansas

Lansing

Olathe

Louisiana

Houma

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Rockville

Maine

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Levering

Missouri

Columbia

Springfield

St. Louis

North Carolina

Bun

Charlotte

Fayetteville

Mt Pleasant

Statesville

New Jersey

Cherry Hill

New Mexico

Raton

White Rock

Nevada

Carson City

Gardnerville (2)

Genoa

Las Vegas (2)

Minden (2)

Pahrump

Reno (4)

Ohio

Loveland

Oklahoma

Edmond

Oregon

Bandon (4)

Eugene

Florence

Grants Pass (3)

Keizer

La Grande

Lake Oswego

Lincoln City

Medford (2)

Mosier

North Plains

Portland (2)

Redmond

Rockaway Beach

Rogue River

St. Helen

Sweet Home

Tualatin

Turner

South Carolina

Charleston

Fort Mill

Lugoff

Moncks Corner

South Dakota

Sturgis (2)

Tennessee

Chapel Hill

Texas

Arlington

Austin

Bedford

Houston

Plano

Sunnyvale

Wylie

Utah

Lehi (2)

North Ogden

Virginia

Chester

Glen Allen

Hampton

Oakto

Warrenton

Woodbridge (2)

Vermont

Rochester

Washington

East Wenatchee

Edmonds

Moses Lake (2)

Oak Harbor

Port Angeles

Port Ludlow

Port Orchard

Poulsbo (2)

Sedro Woolley



100-year Anniversary: This photo, sent to us by recently returned Pacific Grove resident Judith Harper Hinton '57 (with the help of her neighbors, Jay and Anne Cobb) is of the 1921 8th grade graduating class from Pacific Grove Grammar School. At center front is Principal Robert H. Down. Judith's mother, Margaret Dunovant, who taught in P.G. schools, before and after her marriage, until 1963, is at the far right of the front row, and Judith's father, Harold Harper, is at the center in the back row. As with the picture of the fire station on p. 14, the palm trees along Pine Avenue have definitely gotten taller over the years!

Seen Around Town



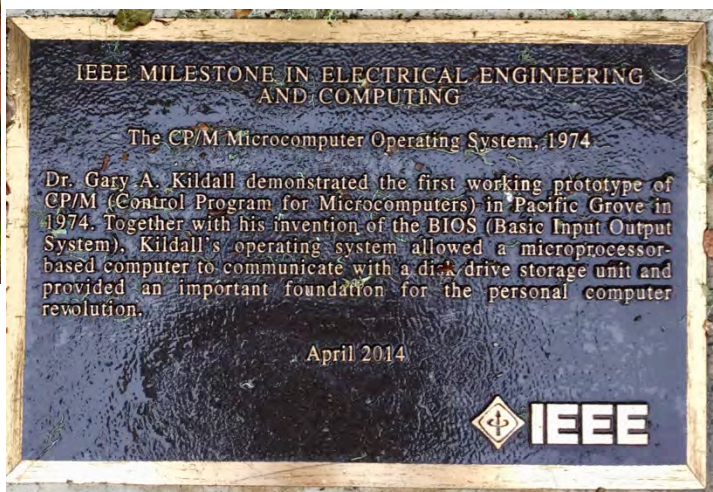
J. Jackson, who died in November, was the creator of "The Butterfly House" at 309 9th St. The colorful project was started because his wife, Sonia, suffers from retinitis pigmentosa, which means she sees only bright colors. Photos this page by Beth Penney



Four little houses at Lighthouse and Alder are painted Southwestern shades of brick, yellow, and green. Joyce Crummey Finch '48 lived in the one at right; see her letter on p 5.



While we were on Lighthouse Ave. (see left column), we took a shot of the birthplace of the personal computer age. Gary Kildall's company Digital Research was housed in this home at 801 Lighthouse. Novell acquired the company in 1991 in a multi-million-dollar deal; Kildall died after an accidental fall in Monterey in 1994. The plaque below is embedded in the sidewalk in front.



A current photo of the fire station, left, reveals a two-story addition at right. Notice the shadow of the palm tree that starts diagonally in front, and compare it to the palms in the photo on p. 13! Anyone remember "The Planter Nook," which issued the coupon below?



Seen Around Town, continued

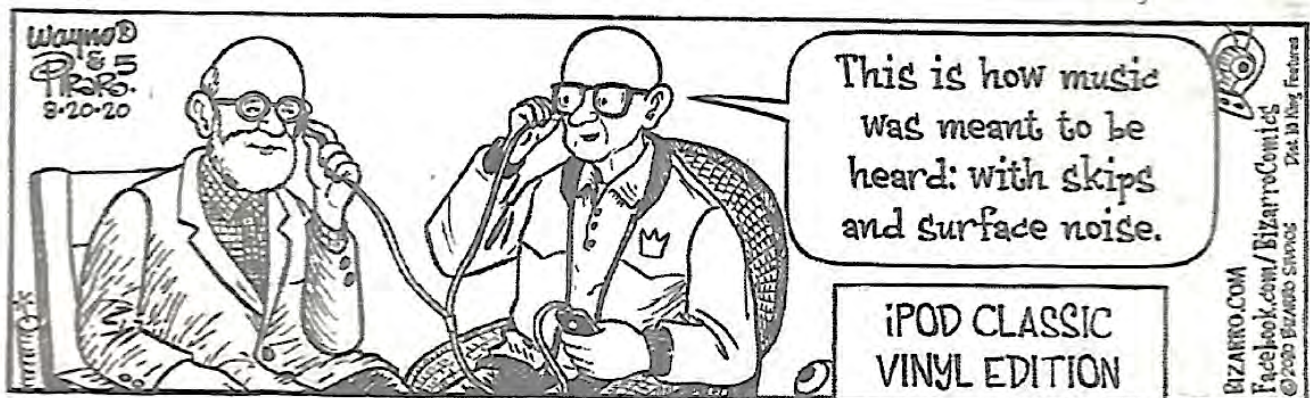
The yellow building at right now occupies the entire block between Fountain and Grand facing on Laurel. Architecturally it is not vastly different from what was there before, but the old building had been condemned. The space will be used for retail and affordable housing. Photo by Beth Penney



At press time, this matchbook was for sale on e-Bay for \$3.99!



Above left: Alex Hulanicki '71 and Alton McSween '69 pose for a selfie. Thanks to Alex and John Miller '71 for the information in Alton's obituary, which appears on p. 9. Photo courtesy Alex Hulanicki. Above right: the new Little Free Library in front of Robert H. Down. Photo by Beth Penney



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*The Knockout II: The PGHSAA Newsletter***Where Is It?**

Or, in this case, where was it? Last issue's photo was taken in the women's lounge in Holman's (see Letters, P. 5, for the names), and this photo, like that one, is from the advertising section of the *Sea Urchin*.

The accompanying sales pitch reads as follows: "**The Beast**: men's trappings, including flared pants, velvets, suedes, and skins...shirts of brocade...**The Way Out House**: a large collection of boutique-style fancy pants & satin shirts, skinny knits & floor gowns, boots, clogs, jewelry. Everything to make you happy."

Where was this Pacific Grove purveyor of clothing to flower children located? My goodness, they dressed well—velvets, suedes, brocade, satin! And are any of the pictured salespeople PGHS students? Send your answers to president@pghsaa.org. If you have a picture for this space, send it to the same address.

